breach of the constitutional provision in the matter of employment of children. In this country children without childhood number nearly 5 crores and as per the operation research on working children in India in 1983, it is a Baroda based organisation the total number of children employed are 4.40 crores. Then, out of 4.40 crores, as per another survey, nearly 43 per cent are in agricultural labour, 36 per cent cultivators' assistance and 10 per cent working in mining and manufacturing concerns. This 10 per cent amounts to nearly 50 lakhs and thus 50 lakh children are employed in mining and manufacturing concerns. I want to know from the Minister whether the Government is serious to trace the number of children employed below 14 in contravention of article 24 and what machinery the Government has at its disposal to trace the number of children employed below 14 years in all the concerns. I would like to know whether the Government considered the proposal to constitute a squad consisting of women....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have spent your time in the question. Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Setting up and expansion of ESI Hospital in Orissa

*445. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to set up some ESI Hospitals in Orissa;

(b) if so, the places which have been identified for the location thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to expand some of the existing ESI Hospitals and dispensaries in that State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The ESI Corporation has approved the construction of one hospital each at Bhubaneshwar and Rourkela;

(c) and (d) The Corporation has already expanded the bed strength of the ESI Hospital at Choudwar from 50 to 88, by making some temporary arrangements. An estimate for construction of a separate building for the additional beds has been sanctioned, and construction work is expected to start shortly. There is, however, no proposal for expansion of ESI dispensaries in Orissa.

Inadequate manning of public health Engineering Plants

*446. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent survey has revealed that the country's Public Health Engineering, Water Supply and Sewage Plants are being manned by untrained personnel and that the number of personnel is inadequate for effectively manning the existing plants; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to improve the Public Health Engineering system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) No such survey has been carried out recently. However, it is a fact that improvement in the manning of Public Health Engineering installations/systems in the country by appointing trained personnel is necessary.

Water supply and sanitation are State subjects. The State Governments are responsible for proper and adequate manning of the Public